

PORTABLE BAR

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an improved portable bar, that is a portable device that is used for mixing cocktails or the like. The portable bar of the present invention is adapted to be worn by a person as a hat and is intended to be both useful and entertaining.

Novelty hats are known in the prior art as illustrated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,484,363 issued to Teresa E. Varanese on Nov. 27, 1984 for a combination hat and cooling device; U.S. Pat. No. 3,345,646 issued to C. P. McCann on Oct. 10, 1967 for a parachute hat; U.S. Pat. No. 3,254,444 issued to G. Paterson on June 7, 1966 for an amusement and educational head gear; U.S. Pat. No. 2,611,902 issued to M. F. Rockmore on Sept. 30, 1952 for a novelty cap; U.S. Pat. No. 2,136,925 issued to N. P. Ristell, et al. on Nov. 15, 1938 for a combined beach hat and fan; U.S. Pat. No. 1,869,652 issued to H. H. Baker on Aug. 2, 1932 for a kit hat; U.S. Pat. No. 1,493,463 issued to P. P. Brock on May 13, 1924 for a lamp holder; and U.S. Pat. No. 21,485 issued to Joseph C. Cary on Sept. 14, 1858 for a combined cap and lantern.

The present invention provides a novel and useful portable bar that can be worn as a hat and which is both useful and entertaining.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The portable bar of the present invention provides several distinct and important advantages not found in previously known mix bars or hats.

A primary objective of the present invention is to provide a portable bar that may be worn as a piece of head gear.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a portable bar having a structural member that also serves as a hat and that may be adjusted to fit different size heads.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a portable bar that may be used for conveniently consuming any of several drinks that may be kept in a plurality of drink containers comprising part of the portable bar.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a portable bar that may be conveniently used to mix drinks from two or more containers to form a mixed drink.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a portable bar from which drinks may be sipped without removing the bar from the user's head.

Another objective of the present invention is to provide a portable bar that is novel in appearance and entertaining.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a portable bar that is simple in construction, inexpensive, strong and durable, convenient to use, and well adapted for its intended purposes.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein a preferred embodiment of the invention is shown.

It should be understood that the invention is not limited to the details disclosed, but includes all such variations and modifications as fall within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

This invention contemplates portable bars of different sizes for use with different size heads and portable bars having different numbers, sizes or types of drink containers.

The objectives of the present invention are accomplished by providing a rigid hat that may be adjusted to fit different size heads such, for example, as a safety helmet or hard hat with an adjustable head band provided therein. Several drink containers are mounted on the sides of the hat using elastic bands that are inserted through slots in the hat and fastened to the inside of the hat. In the illustrated embodiment there are six such containers, including two relatively large containers that might be used for soft drinks such, for example, as soda or ginger ale. The other four containers are relatively smaller and might be used to hold one or more alcoholic beverages. Each drink container is provided with a tube for carrying liquid from the container to one of two gang valves on the front of the hat that may be used for mixing drinks from two or more drink containers. Alternatively, a user of the portable bar may drink from any one container by opening the valve controlling the flow of liquid from that container and closing the valves that control the flow of liquid from all of the other drink containers.

The first gang valve comprises three valves that are used for controlling the flow of soft drinks from two soft drink containers and for purging the mixing chambers and outlet tube. The second gang comprises five valves, and is used to mix the soft drink or soft drink mix received from the first gang valve with the contents of any of the other four drink containers. An outlet tube carries the resulting mix from an outlet port on the second gang valve to the mouth of the wearer of the hat, who may drink mixed drinks from the bar by sucking on the free end of the outlet tube in the same manner as a person sucks on a sipping straw to draw liquid from a bottle or glass.

Each drink container is provided with a vent for venting carbon dioxide gas in any case where a carbonated drink is being kept in a containers and to maintain atmospheric pressure in the containers in all cases. The four smaller drink containers are provided with check valves in their respective tubes to prevent liquids from flowing backwards into the containers.

An articulated boom supports the outlet tube that carries the mixed drink from the portable bar to the user's mouth.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A preferred embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a side view in perspective of the portable bar of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of the portable bar of the present invention and

FIG. 3 is a bottom view in perspective of the portable bar of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to the drawings in greater detail, FIGS. 1-3 illustrate the portable bar of the present invention shown generally at 1. The bar 1 comprises a structural member 2, and in the illustrated embodiment the structural member 2 comprises a rigid hat-shaped device adapted to fit on the head of a person such, for